

REMARKS

Claims 23 - 26, 28, 31 and 35 remain in the application after amendment herein. All of the claims have been rejected on new grounds, under Section 103 based on Sasaki (U.S. 6,574,765) in view of Hoffman (2004/0042409) and, with respect to claims 28 and 31, in further view of Gentric (2002/0009151). The rejections have been based on a reading of the claims on subject matter other than that which was intended. Accordingly, claim 23 has been amended to more clearly direct the subject matter to that of generating an announcement in the form of an information output for alerting a person engaged in real-time traffic communication transmitted over a packet-oriented network wherein the announcement is also transmitted as a real-time traffic communication. In view of the several amendments to claim 23 it is submitted that the combination of Sasaki in view of Hoffman is not at all applicable to reject the claims.

By way of example, claim 23 now expressly requires the following features not found in any combination of the prior art:

- generating a series of fragments which can be concatenated into an announcement;
- storing the fragments in a memory system;
- generating a series of creation rules in accord with which the announcement is formed from the fragments;
- ... determining a concatenation of a plurality of the fragments to form the announcement;
- transmitting the plurality of fragments to the information output system and then through the packet switching network in the suitable coding for receipt ... at a destination ... in accord with the concatenation ...

Support for the amended language is found in the specification. See, for example, pages 9 and 10 of the specification which describe concatenation of fragments and other features now recited in the claims.

Conclusion

Based on the above amendments the application is now in condition for allowance. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with

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this paper, including the fees specified in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 (c), 1.17(a)(1) and 1.20(d), or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

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